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## City Council holds hearing on tax rates

BY PAYTON FRIMEL/  
FOR EAGLE POST

Oak Grove City Council held a special-called public hearing to discuss the proposed 2025 tax rates.

Community members gathered to give their opinions on the rates and discuss with the City Council.

City Finance Director Matt Egbert said last year's tax rate was cheaper than previous years. "We've reduced tax rates by almost 6% last year," Egbert explained. "It is cheaper than what residents paid in

2022 and 2023."

The proposed tax levy for 2025 is \$.2310 per \$100 assessed and \$.1050 per \$100 assessed personal, with a combined revenue projection of \$1,481,141.00.

Last year's rates were .228 cents per \$100 for real property and .1007 cents per \$100, with a combined revenue production of \$1,402,872.00.

The discussion mainly centered around raising taxes for growth in the city.

"If we don't raise taxes, how will we get a full-time Fire

Station?" Isaiah Spencer, City Council member asked. "We have to start planning for our future as a city and we must have a plan for our future."

He also explained that many businesses do not want to settle in Oak Grove because of the lack of a full-time Fire Station.

Egbert brought comparable tax rates from other similar-sized cities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to share with Council and community members.

"We are below the state aver-

age," he said. "Hopkinsville's personal tangible property rate is 23.9 cents per \$100, whereas ours is only ten cents, so our personal property rate is one of the lowest I have seen."

Community members were curious if the Community Center rate would change. It will not change, and stay at 5%, according to Jean Leavell, City Council member.

A motion to pass the proposed tax rates was motioned and seconded by City Council. No other action was taken during the hearing.

### WEATHER

**TODAY**  
Chance  
T-storms **81**  
High

**TONIGHT**  
Mostly  
Clear **59**  
Low

**FRIDAY**  
Sunny **93**  
High

**FRIDAY NIGHT**  
Chance  
Showers **58**  
Low

**SATURDAY**  
Chance  
T-storms **79**  
High

**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
Mostly  
Clear **55**  
Low

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## Boulevard event seeks to draw more shoppers

More traffic came out for the 'Bash'

BY TONYA S. GRACE |  
EAGLE POST

Julie Folz came to the Fort Campbell Boulevard in search of a children's rocking chair.

She's a frequent visitor to businesses on the boulevard, said Folz, a Christian County resident, as she browsed a local store on a Saturday morning in search of her chair, the same morning that the city of Hopkinsville was encouraging people to shop along the roadway.

The city hosted its second annual Boulevard Bash on Aug. 23, placing an emphasis on drawing shoppers to the boulevard as well as to other stores throughout the local community.

Near Rural King, one of the major sponsors for the event, Andrew Roz was busy painting young faces and shaping balloons into animals before handing them out to youngsters in the crowd.

Popular country tunes like "Boot Scootin' Boogie" blared from speakers in the parking lot.

Families visited the Two Sisters Petting Zoo, which featured blackface sheep, a white mini donkey and a mini horse named Austin.

"I think it's great for Hopkinsville and Christian County to have something for people to come out in the community," observed Phillip Peterson, whose daughters operate the petting zoo. "The way this is set up. . . you're going to stores (and) you're visiting," explained Peterson of the shopping event. "I just really think these kind of events is what keeps your community knit together and doing things together, to be able to get out and see everybody."

Parent Tim Terrell, a business owner, said he believes that more events like last weekend's Boulevard Bash are needed in



Photo by TONYA S. GRACE | Kentucky New Era

Shoppers walk into Rural King on the day of the Boulevard Bash.



Photo by TONYA S. GRACE | Kentucky New Era

Andrew Roz (right) checks out his handiwork for a young client.

the community.

Folz noted that shopping local is a must.

"If we want Hopkinsville to grow, then we've got to do something about it ourselves," she said. "If we don't shop local, then we can't ask for more businesses to come to town."

Robert Harper, president of Hopkinsville Milling Co., said he believes the recent event will remind people that there are interesting stores along the

boulevard and encourage them to buy local.

"It reminds people then that they don't have to go out of town to shop, or they can go and look at things in person and then see them themselves and touch them themselves before they buy them," Harper noted of the event. "And then (they can) buy them here in town rather than buying them online," he continued.

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## City Council talks municipal road aid funds

BY PAYTON FRIMEL/  
FOR EAGLE POST

Oak Grove City Council met on Tuesday, Aug. 19 to cover department awards and the Municipal Road Aid funds.

The Municipal Road Aid and Local Government Economic Assistance funds were awarded to the City of Oak Grove in the amount of \$475,343. These funds will be used to pave roads in the city.

An award was presented to the Oak Grove Police Department from McDonald's for winning their "Choose Your Chill" challenge during the meeting.

The department received a \$250 donation for the challenge and the funds will go towards the Mission for Hope charity, a Christian outreach program to help those in need locally.

In other news:

-One officer in training at the Police Academy is scheduled to graduate in November and join the Oak Grove Police force.

-Oak Grove Police Department Corporal Fitzpatrick was awarded the 2025 Governor's Occupant Protection Enforcement award in Lexington for his outstanding hard work in the department. He brought 68 citations for seat belt violations, car seat violations and more.

Oak Grove City Council typically meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 8505 Pembroke Oak Grove Road.

## Shelter finds homes for 283 animals in the community

Cout also hears about need for better animal care

BY TONYA S. GRACE  
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Christian County Animal Shelter Director Melissa Goff shared a report on her facility during Tuesday's Christian Fiscal Court meeting, highlighting almost 300 animals from the shelter that have found homes in recent weeks.

Speaking during the court meeting, Goff noted that 283 animals found homes in July, including 144 adoptions from the animal shelter, 68 animals that

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